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DATE: 11/17/2021

SUBJECT: Christmas City of the North Parade Traffic Advisory

BY: Sergeant Michael Tinsley

NATURE OF INCIDENT:

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

On Friday, November 19th, the Christmas City of the North Parade will take place in Downtown Duluth. The Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. in front of Fitger's at 6th Ave. E. and Superior St. and continues along Superior Street to 4th Avenue West.

Parade units will begin lining up at 4:00 p.m. on London Road between 10th and 14th Avenues East, and buses will be staging on the upper side of London Road from 14th to 17th Avenues East.

Marching bands and dance groups will exit the Parade route at 4th Ave. W. to buses waiting on Michigan Street. Floats will dismantle in the 400 block of West Superior St. and exit the area at 5th Ave. West.

ROAD CLOSURES:

At 4:00 p.m., London Road will close to traffic from 10th to 14th Avenues East for Parade line-up. Sections of 12th and 13th Avenues E. and the 1300 block of Jefferson Street will also close for Parade line-up.

Superior St. from 8th Ave. E. to 12th Ave. E. will close to traffic at 5:30 p.m., and Superior St. from 8th Ave. E. to 5th Ave. W. will close to traffic at 5:45 p.m.

Michigan Street will close at 6:15 p.m. to all traffic, except for buses and local residents. Vehicles exiting Michigan Street lots and ramps during the closures will be directed to exit the area by driving south to the 5th Avenue West Off-Ramp.

Due to construction this year, vehicles will not be allowed to enter the Fitger's Ramp and Pickwick parking lots after Superior St. closes at 5:45 p.m. Vehicles will be allowed to exit these lots until 6:30 p.m. **After 6:30 p.m., vehicles parked in the Fitger's Ramp and Pickwick lots will not be allowed to exit until the Parade ends.**

Downtown traffic should return to normal by approximately 8:30 p.m.

NO PARKING AREAS:

Motorists should be aware of the following no parking areas in Downtown Duluth and along London Road. **Vehicles parked in these areas will be tagged and towed.**

No Parking after 10:00 a.m. at posted meters in front of the Pickwick Restaurant.

No Parking after 12:00 noon at meters on the upper side of Superior St. near Fitger's.

No Parking after 3:00 p.m. on:

Both sides of London Road, from 10th Ave. E. to 14th Ave. E.,

The upper side of London Road, from 14th Ave. E. to 17th Ave. E.,

12th and 13th Avenues E., from London Road to Superior Street,

Jefferson Street, from 13th Ave. E. to 14th Ave. E., and

The Rose Garden Parking Lot.

No Parking after 4:00 p.m. on Michigan Street from 5th Ave. W. to 4th Ave. W.

No Parking after 5:00 p.m. on Superior Street from 10th Ave. E to 5th Ave. W.

DTA ROUTING:

DTA buses will use 2nd Street for eastbound routes. DTA buses will use 1st St. from 5th Ave. W. to 3rd Ave. E. and 3rd St. between 12th Ave. E. and 3rd Ave. E. for westbound routes.

JEFFERSON BUS LINES:

Jefferson Line Buses will have access to the Duluth Transportation Center on Michigan Street to load and unload passengers.

DETOURS:

Eastbound Superior Street traffic will be detoured at 6th Avenue West to eastbound 2nd Street. Westbound Superior St. traffic will be detoured from London Road at 14th Ave. E. and from Superior Street at 12th Ave. E. to westbound 3rd Street. Tenth Ave. E. will close to traffic from 1st Street to Superior Street.

I-35, DECC, and CANAL PARK ACCESS:

Lake Avenue will close between 1st Street and the Interstate-35 ramps on the Lake Ave. Viaduct at 5:45 p.m. All Interstate-35 ramps at Lake Ave. will remain open during the Parade, but will only be accessible from the Canal Park side.

Access to Canal Park, Park Point, and the DECC, will be via southbound 5th Ave. W. to Railroad Street. All Interstate-35 ramps at 5th Ave. W. will remain open.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL ACCESS:

If approaching from the east, use available routes along 3rd Street or 1st Street to access 10th Ave E to arrive at the St. Luke's Emergency Department located between 10th and 11th Ave E on 2nd Street.

If approaching from the west, use available routes along 2nd Street and 4th Street to access 10th Ave E to arrive at the St. Luke's Emergency Department located between 10th and 11th Ave E on 2nd Street.

St. Luke's Hospital parking is available along the street and in the parking ramp on the lower side of 1st Street, between 10th and 12th Avenues East. St. Luke's employees should be aware of no parking restrictions starting at 3:00 p.m. on and near London Rd.

SUGGESTED PARADE PARKING:

For the convenience of the thousands of people who converge in Downtown Duluth for this annual event, the following parking ramps will offer free parking after 5:00 p.m. Friday:

- Fourth Avenue Auto Park—402 W. Michigan Street
- Duluth Transportation Center—228 W. Michigan Street
- Civic Center Ramp—410 W. First Street
- Tech Village Ramp—10 E. First Street
- HART Ramp—122 E. First Street
- Medical District Ramp—302 E. First Street
- Fitger's---600 E. Superior Street
- Phoenix Parking Lot---98 N. 4th Ave. West
- St. Luke's Hospital Ramp—1020 E. First Street
- St. Luke's Employee Parking Lot—119 N. 12th Ave. East

Entrance to the Michigan St. ramps will be limited after 6:15 p.m., but vehicles will be able to exit them throughout the Parade.

Downtown parking meters will be free after 5:30 p.m., but there is no parking along the parade route on Superior St.

Drivers should remain alert to pedestrian and Parade traffic, be aware of no parking signs, and use caution when driving in the area of this event.